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Annual Meeting Held For St. Joseph's Care Group

(Thunder Bay, ON. June 27, 2007) St. Joseph's Care Group's Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 in the Georgian Room at St. Joseph's Heritage.

In her final address to those gathered, Lil Bergamo, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) stated, "It has been both a privilege and an honour for me to serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Care Group. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to our President and Chief Executive Officer, Tracy Buckler and all our employees and volunteers for their leadership, commitment and service to St. Joseph's Care Group."

The Board of Directors approved the following appointment of Officers for 2007 – 2008:

Robert Chambers, Chair
Myrna Letourneau, Vice Chair

Tracy Buckler, Secretary Treasurer
Lil Bergamo, Past Chair

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG, said, "I would like to pay special tribute to Lil Bergamo, our Board Chair, who over the past two years provided incredible support, guidance and mentorship; for this I am indebted to her. We look forward to her ongoing work with our Board as Past Chair and welcome Bob Chambers into the Board Chair role."

In the past year, the Board of Directors embarked upon an intensive strategic planning process to determine our focus and priorities for the future. A major element of this process involved significant stakeholder engagement with feedback received from approximately 1,100 individuals throughout the city and the region. Following careful discussion and deliberation, the Board created the following five strategic priorities for St. Joseph's Care Group:

- Client Centred Care
- Our People
- Collaboration
- Communication and Advocacy
- Teaching and Research Identities

A Strategy Map and a Balanced Scorecard are in development and will 'map and measure' our actions and resultant outcomes.

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St. Joseph's Care Group is accredited with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation and provides services in complex care, rehabilitation, mental health and addictions, long-term care and supportive housing. As well, community programs are provided at Frank Murphy Community Centre. SJCG has approximately 1700 employees, over 400 volunteers and an annual operating budget of \$115M and is the fifth largest employer in Thunder Bay. To learn more about SJCG, visit the web site at www.sjcg.net.